

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 12, 2007

SENATE BILL

No. 544

Introduced by Senator Cox

February 22, 2007

An act to amend Section 13114 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to fire alarms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 544, as amended, Cox. Fire alarms and safety devices.

Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal, with the advice of the State Board of Fire Services, to adopt regulations and standards to control the quality and installations of fire alarm systems and devices, as specified. Existing law makes it a misdemeanor for any person to market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any fire alarm system or fire alarm device in this state unless the system or device has been approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal. Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to convene a working group, as specified, to develop a process for listing fire alarms and safety devices by the State Fire Marshal, and requires implementation of the process to go into effect no later than January 1, 2008.

~~This bill would delete the provisions that prohibit any person from marketing, distributing, offering for sale, or selling any fire alarm system or fire alarm device in this state unless the system or device has been approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal~~ *prohibit marketing, distributing, offering for sale, or selling a fire alarm system or device unless it has been tested in accordance with standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal and is listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory that is approved by the State Fire Marshal. The bill would prohibit the State Fire Marshal from creating additional requirements*

for these systems and devices. The bill would also delete the provisions described above relating to the working group convened by the State Fire Marshal and the implementation of the process it develops.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13114 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:
3 13114. (a) The State Fire Marshal, with the advice of the State
4 Board of Fire Services, shall adopt regulations and standards as
5 he or she may determine to be necessary to control the quality and
6 installation of fire alarm systems and fire alarm devices marketed,
7 distributed, offered for sale, or sold in this state.
8 (b) *No person shall market, distribute, offer for sale, or sell any*
9 *fire alarm system or fire alarm device in this state unless the system*
10 *or device has been tested in accordance with standards adopted*
11 *by the State Fire Marshal and is listed by a nationally recognized*
12 *testing laboratory that is approved by the State Fire Marshal. The*
13 *State Fire Marshal shall not create any further quality assurance*
14 *requirements for a fire alarm system or a fire alarm device in*
15 *addition to those provided by this subdivision.*